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## I. INTRODUCTION

1. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 20 September 1996, the General Assembly decided to include in the agenda of its fifty-first session the item entitled "Programme budget for the biennium 1996-1997" and to allocate it to the Fifth Committee.

2. The Fifth Committee considered the item at its 7th to 9th, 11th to 15th, 17th, 20th, 23rd, 25th, 32nd, 33rd, 39th, 40th and 42nd to 46th meetings, on 15, 16, 18, 22 to 25, 29 and 31 October, 4, 7, 8, 25 and 27 November and 11, 13 and 15 to 17 December 1996.

3. The comments and observations made in the course of the discussion of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/51/SR.7-9, 11-15, 17, 20, 23, 25, 32, 33, 39, 40 and 42-46).

4. In accordance with the criteria for use of the contingency fund annexed to General Assembly resolution 42/211 of 21 December 1987, the Fifth Committee, at its 46th meeting, on 17 December, considered a consolidated statement of all programme budget implications and revised estimates that were subject to the criteria for the use of the contingency fund. The consolidated amount fell within the available balance of the contingency fund. The Committee therefore proceeded to approve the required amounts under the relevant sections of the programme budget.

5. Section II of the present report contains a summary of the recommendations of the Fifth Committee during the fifty-first session of the General Assembly on the revised estimates submitted by the Secretary-General and on the programme budget implications of resolutions adopted by the Assembly, either on the recommendation of its Main Committees or in respect of items considered in plenary.

6. Section III of the report provides a summary of the special subjects considered by the Fifth Committee, which led to the adoption of specific decisions to be recommended to the General Assembly.

7. The recommendations of the Fifth Committee are contained in section IV of the present report.

## II. PROGRAMME BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM 1996-1997

8. In its resolutions 50/215 A and B of 23 December 1995, the General Assembly approved budget appropriations for the biennium 1996-1997 in the amount of $2,608,274,000 and income estimates in the amount of $471,401,700.

9. Recommendations of the Fifth Committee during the current session of the General Assembly on revised estimates submitted by the Secretary-General, as well as on the programme budget implications of resolutions adopted by the Assembly under items considered by other Main Committees or in respect of items considered in plenary, have resulted in net increases in the approved level of

appropriations in the amount of $4,993,100 and a net reduction in the approved income estimates in the amount of $23,664,100.

10. The revised estimates of expenditure and income approved by the Fifth Committee and the financial implications of resolutions recommended by other Main Committees and subsequently by the General Assembly are indicated, by expenditure and income section, below:

| Section | Amount approved by the General Assembly in its resolutions 50/215 A and B | Increase/ (decrease) approved at the current session | Total |
|---|---|---|---|
| | (United States dollars) | | |
| A. Expenditure sections | | | |
| 1. Overall policy-making, direction and coordination | 40 348 200 | | |
| (a) First performance report (A/C.5/51/38, A/51/7/Add.6 and A/C.5/51/SR.42, 43 and 46) | | (720 500) | |
| (b) United Nations common system (recommendations of the International Civil Service Commission) | | (278 500) | |
| Total | 40 348 200 | (999 000) | 39 349 200 |
| 2. Political affairs | 60 989 500 | | |
| (a) First performance report (A/C.5/51/38, A/51/7/Add.6 and A/C.5/51/SR.42, 43 and 46) | | (1 367 000) | |
| (b) United Nations common system (recommendations of the International Civil Service Commission) | | (686 100) | |
| Total | 60 989 500 | (2 053 100) | 58 936 400 |
| 3. Peacekeeping operations and special missions | 102 868 200 | | |
| (a) First performance report (A/C.5/51/38, A/51/7/Add.6 and A/C.5/51/SR.42, 43 and 46) | | 18 571 100 | |
| (b) United Nations common system (recommendations of the International Civil Service Commission) | | (276 800) | |
| (c) The situation in Central America: Central American peace process (A/C.5/51/32 and A/C.5/51/SR.39) | | 331 300 | |
| (d) The situation in Afghanistan and its implications for international peace and security (A/C.5/51/40 and A/C.5/51/SR.44) | | 3 100 000 | |
| (e) The situation in Central America: MINUGUA (1 January to 31 March 1997) (A/C.5/51/41 and A/C.5/51/SR.44) | | 7 102 400 | |

| Section | | Amount approved by the General Assembly in its resolutions 50/215 A and B | Increase/ (decrease) approved at the current session | Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | (United States dollars) | | |
| | (f) The situation in Central America: United Nations political presence in El Salvador (1 January to 30 June 1997) (A/C.5/51/42 and A/C.5/51/SR.44) | | 408 700 | |
| | (g) The situation of democracy and human rights in Haiti: International Civilian Mission to Haiti (1 January to 31 July 1997) (A/C.5/51/43 and A/C.5/51/SR.45) | | 3 400 000 | |
| | Total | 102 868 200 | 32 637 100 | 135 505 300 |
| 4. | Outer space affairs | 4 705 500 | | |
| | (a) First performance report (A/C.5/51/38, A/51/7/Add.6 and A/C.5/51/SR.42, 43 and 46) | | (479 100) | |
| | (b) United Nations common system (recommendations of the International Civil Service Commission) | | (50 000) | |
| | Total | 4 705 500 | (529 100) | 4 176 400 |
| 5. | International Court of Justice | 21 339 600 | | |
| | (a) First performance report (A/C.5/51/38, A/51/7/Add.6 and A/C.5/51/SR.42, 43 and 46) | | (1 278 700) | |
| | (b) United Nations common system (recommendations of the International Civil Service Commission) | | (75 000) | |
| | Total | 21 339 600 | (1 353 700) | 19 985 900 |
| 6. | Legal activities | 31 605 400 | | |
| | (a) First performance report (A/C.5/51/38, A/51/7/Add.6 and A/C.5/51/SR.42, 43 and 46) | | (1 032 400) | |
| | (b) United Nations common system (recommendations of the International Civil Service Commission) | | (318 500) | |
| | Total | 31 605 400 | (1 350 900) | 30 254 500 |

| Section | | Amount approved by the General Assembly in its resolutions 50/215 A and B | Increase/ (decrease) approved at the current session | Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | (United States dollars) | | |
| 7A. | Department for Policy Coordination and Sustainable Development | 44 318 700 | | |
| | (a) First performance report (A/C.5/51/38, A/51/7/Add.6 and A/C.5/51/SR.42, 43 and 46) | | (1 900 600) | |
| | (b) United Nations common system (recommendations of the International Civil Service Commission) | | (479 800) | |
| | Total | 44 318 700 | (2 380 400) | 41 938 300 |
| 7B. | Africa: critical economic situation, recovery and development | 4 305 100 | | |
| | (a) First performance report (A/C.5/51/38, A/51/7/Add.6 and A/C.5/51/SR.42, 43 and 46) | | 105 100 | |
| | (b) United Nations common system (recommendations of the International Civil Service Commission) | | (44 400) | |
| | Total | 4 305 100 | 60 700 | 4 365 800 |
| 8. | Department for Economic and Social Information and Policy Analysis | 48 612 100 | | |
| | (a) First performance report (A/C.5/51/38, A/51/7/Add.6 and A/C.5/51/SR.42, 43 and 46) | | (817 200) | |
| | (b) United Nations common system (recommendations of the International Civil Service Commission) | | (518 700) | |
| | Total | 48 612 100 | (1 335 900) | 47 276 200 |
| 9. | Department for Development Support and Management Services | 26 556 000 | | |
| | (a) First performance report (A/C.5/51/38, A/51/7/Add.6 and A/C.5/51/SR.42, 43 and 46) | | 504 400 | |
| | (b) United Nations common system (recommendations of the International Civil Service Commission) | | (249 000) | |
| | Total | 26 556 000 | 255 400 | 26 811 400 |

| Section | Amount approved by the General Assembly in its resolutions 50/215 A and B | Increase/ (decrease) approved at the current session | Total |
|---|---|---|---|
| | (United States dollars) | | |
| 10A. United Nations Conference on Trade and Development | 121 925 300 | | |
| (a) First performance report (A/C.5/51/38, A/51/7/Add.6 and A/C.5/51/SR.42, 43 and 46) | | (10 633 100) | |
| (b) United Nations common system (recommendations of the International Civil Service Commission) | | (1 065 900) | |
| Total | 121 925 300 | (11 699 000) | 110 226 300 |
| 10B. International Trade Centre UNCTAD/GATT | 21 642 000 | | |
| First performance report (A/C.5/51/38, A/51/7/Add.6 and A/C.5/51/SR.42, 43 and 46) | | 684 600 | |
| Total | 21 642 000 | 684 600 | 22 326 600 |
| 11. United Nations Environment Programme | 9 512 200 | | |
| (a) First performance report (A/C.5/51/38, A/51/7/Add.6 and A/C.5/51/SR.42, 43 and 46) | | (1 170 700) | |
| (b) United Nations common system (recommendations of the International Civil Service Commission) | | (110 400) | |
| Total | 9 512 200 | (1 281 100) | 8 231 100 |
| 12. United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat) | 13 059 600 | | |
| (a) First performance report (A/C.5/51/38, A/51/7/Add.6 and A/C.5/51/SR.42, 43 and 46) | | (1 181 900) | |
| (b) United Nations common system (recommendations of the International Civil Service Commission) | | (146 000) | |
| Total | 13 059 600 | (1 327 900) | 11 731 700 |
| 13. Crime control | 5 254 600 | | |
| (a) First performance report (A/C.5/51/38, A/51/7/Add.6 and A/C.5/51/SR.42, 43 and 46) | | (512 400) | |

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | (United States dollars) | | |
| | (b) United Nations common system (recommendations of the International Civil Service Commission) | | (48 300) | |
| | (c) Revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions of the Economic and Social Council at its organizational and substantive sessions of 1996 (A/C.5/51/20 and A/C.5/51/SR.32 and 33) | | 501 000 | |
| | Total | 5 254 600 | (59 700) | 5 194 900 |
| 14. | International drug control | 17 344 100 | | |
| | (a) First performance report (A/C.5/51/38, A/51/7/Add.6 and A/C.5/51/SR.42, 43 and 46) | | (1 822 700) | |
| | (b) United Nations common system (recommendations of the International Civil Service Commission) | | (143 700) | |
| | (c) Revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions of the Economic and Social Council at its organizational and substantive sessions of 1996 (A/C.5/51/20 and A/C.5/51/SR.32 and 33) | | 595 200 | |
| | (d) International action to combat drug abuse and illicit production and trafficking (A/C.5/51/36 and A/C.5/51/SR.39 and 40) | | 222 100 | |
| | Total | 17 344 100 | (1 149 100) | 16 195 000 |
| 15. | Economic Commission for Africa | 87 845 600 | | |
| | (a) First performance report (A/C.5/51/38, A/51/7/Add.6 and A/C.5/51/SR.42, 43 and 46) | | (4 641 900) | |
| | (b) United Nations common system (recommendations of the International Civil Service Commission) | | (842 800) | |
| | Total | 87 845 600 | (5 484 700) | 82 360 900 |

| Section | | Amount approved by the General Assembly in its resolutions 50/215 A and B | Increase/ (decrease) approved at the current session | Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | (United States dollars) | | |
| 16. | Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific | 66 379 300 | | |
| | (a) First performance report (A/C.5/51/38, A/51/7/Add.6 and A/C.5/51/SR.42, 43 and 46) | | 1 587 600 | |
| | (b) United Nations common system (recommendations of the International Civil Service Commission) | | (479 600) | |
| | Total | 66 379 300 | 1 108 000 | 67 487 300 |
| 17. | Economic Commission for Europe | 52 883 100 | | |
| | (a) First performance report (A/C.5/51/38, A/51/7/Add.6 and A/C.5/51/SR.42, 43 and 46) | | (4 493 300) | |
| | (b) United Nations common system (recommendations of the International Civil Service Commission) | | (438 100) | |
| | Total | 52 883 100 | (4 931 400) | 47 951 700 |
| 18. | Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean | 88 327 200 | | |
| | (a) First performance report (A/C.5/51/38, A/51/7/Add.6 and A/C.5/51/SR.42, 43 and 46) | | (5 256 500) | |
| | (b) United Nations common system (recommendations of the International Civil Service Commission) | | (555 300) | |
| | Total | 88 327 200 | (5 811 800) | 82 515 400 |
| 19. | Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia | 37 791 200 | | |
| | (a) First performance report (A/C.5/51/38, A/51/7/Add.6 and A/C.5/51/SR.42, 43 and 46) | | (3 308 700) | |
| | (b) United Nations common system (recommendations of the International Civil Service Commission) | | (339 200) | |
| | Total | 37 791 200 | (3 647 900) | 34 143 300 |

| Section | | Amount approved by the General Assembly in its resolutions 50/215 A and B | Increase/ (decrease) approved at the current session | Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | (United States dollars) | | |
| 20. | Regular programme of technical cooperation | 44 814 700 | | |
| | First performance report (A/C.5/51/38, A/51/7/Add.6 and A/C.5/51/SR.42, 43 and 46) | | (7 438 800) | |
| | Total | 44 814 700 | (7 438 800) | 37 375 900 |
| 21. | Human rights | 52 987 600 | | |
| | (a) First performance report (A/C.5/51/38, A/51/7/Add.6 and A/C.5/51/SR.42, 43 and 46) | | (4 628 400) | |
| | (b) United Nations common system (recommendations of the International Civil Service Commission) | | (358 600) | |
| | Total | 52 987 600 | (4 987 000) | 48 000 600 |
| 22. | Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees | 54 318 500 | | |
| | (a) First performance report (A/C.5/51/38, A/51/7/Add.6 and A/C.5/51/SR.42, 43 and 46) | | (3 788 900) | |
| | (b) United Nations common system (recommendations of the International Civil Service Commission) | | (390 500) | |
| | Total | 54 318 500 | (4 179 400) | 50 139 100 |
| 23. | United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East | 22 643 000 | | |
| | (a) First performance report (A/C.5/51/38, A/51/7/Add.6 and A/C.5/51/SR.42, 43 and 46) | | (5 044 800) | |
| | (b) United Nations common system (recommendations of the International Civil Service Commission) | | (293 300) | |
| | Total | 22 643 000 | (5 338 100) | 17 304 900 |
| 24. | Department of Humanitarian Affairs | 21 039 300 | | |
| | (a) First performance report (A/C.5/51/38, A/51/7/Add.6 and A/C.5/51/SR.42, 43 and 46) | | (1 869 700) | |

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| | | (United States dollars) | | |
| | (b) United Nations common system (recommendations of the International Civil Service Commission) | | (214 100) | |
| | Total | 21 039 300 | (2 083 800) | 18 955 500 |
| 25. | Public information | 137 658 000 | | |
| | (a) First performance report (A/C.5/51/38, A/51/7/Add.6 and A/C.5/51/SR.42, 43 and 46) | | (4 368 000) | |
| | (b) United Nations common system (recommendations of the International Civil Service Commission) | | (899 200) | |
| | Total | 137 658 000 | (5 267 200) | 132 390 800 |
| 26. | Administration and management | 960 885 100 | | |
| | (a) First performance report (A/C.5/51/38, A/51/7/Add.6 and A/C.5/51/SR.42, 43 and 46) | | (40 786 100) | |
| | (b) United Nations common system (recommendations of the International Civil Service Commission) | | (4 017 500) | |
| | Total | 960 885 100 | (44 803 600) | 916 081 500 |
| 27. | Jointly financed administrative activities | 28 915 000 | | |
| | (a) First performance report (A/C.5/51/38, A/51/7/Add.6 and A/C.5/51/SR.42, 43 and 46) | | (1 160 200) | |
| | (b) United Nations common system (recommendations of the International Civil Service Commission) | | (271 000) | |
| | Total | 28 915 000 | (1 431 200) | 27 483 800 |
| 28. | Special expenses | 41 701 700 | | |
| | First performance report (A/C.5/51/38, A/51/7/Add.6 and A/C.5/51/SR.42, 43 and 46) | | (351 300) | |
| | Total | 41 701 700 | (351 300) | 41 350 400 |

| ection | | Amount approved by the General Assembly in its resolutions 50/215 A and B | Increase/ (decrease) approved at the current session | Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | (United States dollars) | |
| 29. | Office of Internal Oversight Services | 15 716 500 | | |
| | (a) First performance report (A/C.5/51/38, A/51/7/Add.6 and A/C.5/51/SR.42, 43 and 46) | | (520 800) | |
| | (b) United Nations common system (recommendations of the International Civil Service Commission) | | (184 200) | |
| | Total | 15 716 500 | (705 000) | 15 011 500 |
| 30. | Technological innovations | 21 999 600 | | |
| | First performance report (A/C.5/51/38, A/51/7/Add.6 and A/C.5/51/SR.42, 43 and 46) | | (699 400) | |
| | Total | 21 999 600 | (699 400) | 21 300 200 |
| 31. | Construction, alteration, improvement and major maintenance | 31 585 400 | | |
| | First performance report (A/C.5/51/38, A/51/7/Add.6 and A/C.5/51/SR.42, 43 and 46) | | (2 936 600) | |
| | Total | 31 585 400 | (2 936 600) | 28 648 800 |
| 32. | Staff assessment | 369 080 100 | | |
| | (a) First performance report (A/C.5/51/38, A/51/7/Add.6 and A/C.5/51/SR.42, 43 and 46) | | (16 749 500) | |
| | (b) United Nations common system (recommendations of the International Civil Service Commission) | | (5 327 400) | |
| | (c) The situation in Central America: Central American peace process (A/C.5/51/32 and A/C.5/51/SR.39) | | 60 600 | |
| | (d) The situation in Afghanistan and its implications for international peace and security (A/C.5/51/40 and A/C.5/51/SR.44) | | 282 600 | |

| Section | | Amount approved by the General Assembly in its resolutions 50/215 A and B | Increase/ (decrease) approved at the current session | Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | (United States dollars) | | |
| | (e) The situation in Central America: MINUGUA (1 January to 31 March 1997) (A/C.5/51/41 and A/C.5/51/SR.44) | | 500 100 | |
| | (f) The situation in Central America: United Nations political presence in El Salvador (1 January to 30 June 1997) (A/C.5/51/42 and A/C.5/51/SR.44) | | 68 200 | |
| | (g) The situation of democracy and human rights in Haiti: International Civilian Mission to Haiti (1 January to 31 July 1977) (A/C.5/51/43 and A/C.5/51/SR.45) | | 365 900 | |
| | Total | 369 080 100 | (20 799 500) | 348 280 600 |
| 33. | International Seabed Authority | 1 308 200 | | |
| | (a) First performance report (A/C.5/51/38, A/51/7/Add.6 and A/C.5/51/SR.42, 43 and 46) | | (65 000) | |
| | (b) Budget of the International Seabed Authority for 1997 (A/C.5/51/21 and A/51/7/Add.2) | | 2 750 500 | |
| | Total | 1 308 200 | 2 685 500 | 3 993 700 |
| | Total, expenditure estimates | 2 712 265 200 | (108 984 300) | 2 603 280 900 |
| | Less: anticipated reductions to be confirmed by General Assembly | (103 991 200) | 103 991 200 | |
| | Grand total, expenditure estimates (gross) | 2 608 274 000 | (4 993 100) | 2 603 280 900 |
| B. | Income sections | | | |
| 1. | Income from staff assessment | 384 306 000 | | |
| | (a) First performance report (A/C.5/51/38, A/51/7/Add.6 and A/C.5/51/SR.42, 43 and 46) | | (16 749 500) | |
| | (b) United Nations common system (recommendations of the International Civil Service Commission) | | (5 337 300) | |

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| | | (United States dollars) | | |
| | (c) The situation in Central America: Central American peace process (A/C.5/51/32 and A/C.5/51/SR.39) | | 60 600 | |
| | (d) The situation in Afghanistan and its implications for international peace and security (A/C.5/51/40 and A/C.5/51/SR.44) | | 282 600 | |
| | (e) The situation in Central America: MINUGUA (1 January to 31 March 1997) (A/C.5/51/41 and A/C.5/51/SR.44) | | 500 100 | |
| | (f) The situation in Central America: United Nations political presence in El Salvador (1 January to 30 June 1997) (A/C.5/51/42 and A/C.5/51/SR.44) | | 68 200 | |
| | (g) The situation of democracy and human rights in Haiti: International Civilian Mission to Haiti (1 January to 31 July 1997) (A/C.5/51/43 and A/C.5/51/SR.45) | | 365 900 | |
| | Total | 384 306 000 | (20 809 400) | 363 496 600 |
| 2. | General income | 86 209 200 | | |
| | First performance report (A/C.5/51/38, A/51/7/Add.6 and A/C.5/51/SR.42, 43 and 46) | | (4 189 600) | |
| | Total | 86 209 200 | (4 189 600) | 82 019 600 |
| 3. | Services to the public | 886 500 | | |
| | (a) First performance report (A/C.5/51/38, A/51/7/Add.6 and A/C.5/51/SR.42, 43 and 46) | | 1 257 100 | |
| | (b) United Nations common system (recommendations of the International Civil Service Commission) | | 77 800 | |
| | Total | 886 500 | 1 334 900 | 2 221 400 |
| | Total, income estimates | 471 401 700 | (23 664 100) | 447 737 600 |

11. At its 46th meeting, on 17 December, the Committee considered the revised estimates of expenditure and income to be recommended for approval by the General Assembly for the biennium 1996-1997, as well as the financing of the appropriations for the year 1997. The Committee took the following action:

(a) The Committee approved the revised budget appropriations for the biennium 1996-1997 (see para. 23, draft resolution II A);

(b) The Committee approved the revised income estimates for the biennium 1996-1997 (see para. 23, draft resolution II B);

(c) The Committee approved the draft resolution on the financing of the appropriations for the year 1996 (see para. 23, draft resolution II C).

## III. CONSIDERATION OF SPECIAL SUBJECTS

### 1. Revised estimates resulting from the resolutions and decisions of the Economic and Social Council

12. The Committee considered this question at its 32nd and 33rd meetings, on 25 and 27 November. It had before it the report of the Secretary-General (A/C.5/51/20). The report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions was presented orally by its Chairman at the 32nd meeting.

13. At its 33rd meeting, on 27 November, the Fifth Committee decided, without a vote, to recommend to the General Assembly that it take note of the estimates of $501,000 under section 13, Crime control, and of $595,200 under section 14, International drug control, on the understanding that such additional appropriations as might be necessary would be determined in accordance with the procedures for the use and operation of the contingency fund, taking into account the results of the first performance report on the programme budget for the biennium 1996-1997 (see para. 23, draft resolution I A, sect. I).

### 2. Request for a subvention to the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research resulting from the recommendations of the Board of Trustees of the Institute on the work programme of the Institute for 1997

14. The Committee considered this question at its 39th and 43rd meetings, on 11 and 13 December. It had before it the report of the Secretary-General (A/C.5/51/33). The report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions was presented orally by its Chairman at the 39th meeting.

15. At its 43rd meeting, on 13 December, the Fifth Committee decided, without a vote, to recommend to the General Assembly that it take note of the report of the Secretary-General (A/C.5/51/33) and of the recommendations thereon of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, and approve a subvention of $213,000 for UNIDIR for 1997 (see para. 23, draft resolution I A, sect. II).

### 3. International Seabed Authority

16. The Committee considered this question at its 33rd and 46th meetings, on 27 November and 17 December. It had before it the report of the Secretary-General (A/C.5/51/38) and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/51/7/Add.6).

17. At the 46th meeting, on 17 December, the Vice-Chairman, Mr. Klaus D. Stein, introduced a draft resolution entitled "International Seabed Authority" (A/C.5/51/L.39). At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/51/L.39 without a vote (see para. 23, draft resolution I A, sect. III).

### 4. First performance report

18. The Committee considered this question at its 42nd, 43rd and 46th meetings, on 12, 13 and 17 December. It had before it the report of the Secretary-General (A/C.5/51/38) and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/51/7/Add.6).

19. At the 46th meeting, on 17 December, the Vice-Chairman, Mr. Klaus D. Stein, introduced a draft resolution entitled "First performance report" (A/C.5/51/L.38). At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/51/L.38 without a vote (see para. 23, draft resolution I A, sect. IV).

### 5. Contingency fund

20. The Committee considered this question at its 46th meeting, on 17 December. It had before it the report of the Secretary-General (A/C.5/51/44).

21. At the same meeting, the Fifth Committee decided, without a vote, to recommend to the General Assembly that it appropriate the required amounts, as contained in the report of the Secretary-General, and that it note that a balance of $15,358,200 would remain in the contingency fund (see para. 23, draft resolution I A, sect. V).

### 6. Implementation of resolutions 50/214 and 50/215

22. At its 46th meeting, on 17 December, the Fifth Committee considered draft resolution A/C.5/51/L.33, submitted by the Vice-Chairman. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/51/L.33 without a vote (see para. 23, draft resolution I B).

## IV. RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE

23. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolutions:

DRAFT RESOLUTION I

Questions relating to the programme budget for the biennium 1996-1997

A

The General Assembly

I

REVISED ESTIMATES RESULTING FROM THE RESOLUTIONS AND DECISIONS OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Takes note of the estimates of 501,000 United States dollars under section 13, Crime control, and 595,200 dollars under section 14, International drug control, on the understanding that such additional appropriations as may be necessary will be determined in accordance with the procedures for the use and operation of the contingency fund, taking into account the results of the first performance report on the programme budget for the biennium 1996-1997;[1]

II

REQUEST FOR A SUBVENTION TO THE UNITED NATIONS INSTITUTE FOR DISARMAMENT RESEARCH RESULTING FROM THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE INSTITUTE ON THE WORK PROGRAMME OF THE INSTITUTE FOR 1997

Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General[2] and of the recommendations thereon of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, and approves the subvention of 213,000 dollars for the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research for 1997;

III

INTERNATIONAL SEABED AUTHORITY

Recalling its resolution 48/263 of 28 July 1994, in which it decided to fund the administrative expenses of the International Seabed Authority until the end of the year following the year during which the Agreement relating to the Implementation of Part XI of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 entered into force,

Recalling also its resolution 50/214 of 23 December 1995, in which it made provision for the budget for 1996 of the International Seabed Authority,

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[1] A/51/7/Add.6.

[2] A/C.5/51/33.

Having considered the note by the Secretary-General transmitting the budget of the International Seabed Authority for 1997,[3]

1. Approves the recommendation thereon of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions in its report;[4]

2. Requests the International Seabed Authority to take all necessary action to ensure that its budget for 1997 is implemented with a maximum of efficiency and economy;

3. Authorizes the Secretary-General to provide conference services for the meetings of the International Seabed Authority to be held from 17 to 28 March and from 18 to 29 August 1997 from the resources available under section 26E, Conference services, of the programme budget for the biennium 1996-1997;[5]

4. Decides to make a provision of 2,750,500 dollars for the International Seabed Authority for its administrative expenses in 1997 under section 33, International Seabed Authority, of the programme budget for the biennium 1996-1997;

5. Decides also that the provision for 1997 should be charged tc the contingency fund;

IV

FIRST PERFORMANCE REPORT

1. Takes note of the first performance report of the Secretary-General[6] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary questions;[1]

2. Reaffirms its resolution 41/213 of 19 December 1986;

3. Notes that, according to the first performance report, involuntary separations of staff have not been used in order to implement resolutions 50/231 and 50/232 of 7 June 1996;

4. Approves a net decrease of 5,580,200 dollars in the appropriations approved for the biennium 1996-1997, and a net decrease of 19,682,000 dollars in the estimates of income for the biennium 1996-1997, to be apportioned among

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[3] A/C.5/51/21.

[4] A/51/7/Add.2.

[5] Official Records of the General Assembly, Fiftieth Session, Supplement No. 6 (A/50/6/Rev.1).

[6] A/C.5/51/38.

expenditure and income sections as indicated in the report of the Secretary-General;

V

CONTINGENCY FUND

Notes that a balance of 15,358,200 dollars remains in the contingency fund.

B

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General[7] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[8]

Recalling its resolutions 50/214, in which it decided, inter alia, that the vacancy rate would be 6.4 per cent for both Professional and General Service posts, 50/215 and 50/216 of 23 December 1995 and 50/230 of 7 June 1996,

Recalling also the request made to the Secretary-General in paragraph 7 of section II of resolution 50/214 to present, as soon as possible, and no later than 31 March 1996, to the General Assembly, through the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, a report containing proposals of possible savings for its consideration and approval,

Reaffirming the role of the current intergovernmental process in reviewing the efficiency and reform of the programmes and activities and the need to avoid duplication,

Recognizing the need to integrate all elements of internal reviews of efficiency in the Secretariat,

Recognizing also the role of the Office of Internal Oversight Services and the Office of Programme Planning, Budget and Accounts in management reforms and in ensuring adequate programme delivery and efficiency,

Regretting that the information requested by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on personnel- and programme-related issues, including, inter alia, whether consultants were hired to carry out work previously performed by staff on posts, was not provided,

Recalling its decision 50/506 of 17 September 1996,

1. Reaffirms its resolutions 41/213 of 19 December 1986 and 42/211 of 21 December 1987;

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[7] A/C.5/50/57/Add.1.

[8] A/51/7/Add.1.

2. Reaffirms also part VI of its resolution 45/248 B of 21 December 1990, which relates to the involvement of different bodies in the budgetary process;

3. Reaffirms further the requirement of all Member States to fulfil their financial obligations as set out in the Charter of the United Nations promptly and in full;

4. Recognizes the detrimental effect of the withholding of assessed contributions on the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations;

5. Reaffirms that the authority to create, transfer and abolish posts under the regular budget is the prerogative of the General Assembly;

6. Recalls the authority of the Secretary-General as chief administrative officer, as provided for under Article 97 of the Charter;

7. Endorses the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[1] with the exception of the second sentence of paragraph 28 and subject to the provisions of the present resolution;

8. Expresses its concern that the report of the Secretary-General does not contain a clear indication of the extent to which the approved vacancy level of 6.4 per cent has been exceeded in order to reach the savings called for in resolution 50/214;

9. Reiterates its decision that savings in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1996-1997 should not affect the full implementation of mandated programmes and activities;

10. Reiterates that any proposal to change mandated programmes and activities is subject to prior approval of the General Assembly, through the Fifth Committee and other relevant bodies;

11. Notes the assurances of the Secretary-General that he will not take any decision on the involuntary separation of staff members, including those on the redeployment list, to achieve savings in the context of the implementation of General Assembly resolution 50/214;

12. Requests the Secretary-General, in the light of General Assembly decision 50/506, to report during the resumed session of the Fifth Committee on the progress achieved in the placement of the staff on the redeployment list, taking into account their skills and experience;

13. Requests that the information requested by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions in its report[8] be presented no later than 1 March 1997;

14. Requests the Secretary-General, in connection with paragraphs 25 to 31 of the report of the Advisory Committee, to report, through the Office of Internal Oversight Services, no later than 1 March 1997, on the use of

consultants and associated contractual procedures in the United Nations during the calendar year 1996;

15. Also requests the Secretary-General to review the effect of vacant posts on programme delivery and to recommend, if appropriate, restoration of the funding of these posts in the context of the budget for the biennium 1998-1999;

16. Further requests the Secretary-General to take all necessary actions to avoid duplication of efficiency review procedures;

17. Requests the Secretary-General to integrate and harmonize, where appropriate, efficiency reviews, including those of the intergovernmental machinery, with programme planning and budget reviews;

18. Also requests the Secretary-General to report to relevant intergovernmental bodies on the efficiency proposals which have programmatic and programme budget implications that require prior legislative approval;

19. Regrets that the programme performance report requested in paragraph 11, section II, of resolution 50/214 to be presented no later than the end of the fiftieth session has not been submitted;

20. Requests the Secretary-General to present no later than 1 March 1997 the above-mentioned programme performance report on the impact of approved savings measures on the implementation of mandated programmes and activities, and decides to consider it as a matter of priority during the first part of its resumed session;

21. Decides that no changes to the budget methodology or established budgetary procedures, practices and Financial Regulations can be implemented without prior review and approval by the General Assembly, through the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, in accordance with agreed budgetary procedures.

## DRAFT RESOLUTION II

## Programme budget for the biennium 1996-1997

### A

### Revised budget appropriations for the biennium 1996-1997

The General Assembly

Resolves that for the biennium 1996-1997 the amount of 2,608,274,000 United States dollars appropriated by it in its resolution 50/215 A of 23 December 1995 shall be adjusted by 4,993,100 dollars as follows:

| Expenditure sections | Amount approved by the General Assembly in its resolution 50/215 A | Increase/ (decrease) | Revised appropriation |
|---|---|---|---|
| | (United States dollars) | | |
| PART I. OVERALL POLICY-MAKING DIRECTION AND COORDINATION | | | |
| 1. Overall policy-making, direction and coordination | 40 348 200 | (999 000) | 39 349 200 |
| Total, part I | 40 348 200 | (999 000) | 39 349 200 |
| PART II. POLITICAL AFFAIRS | | | |
| 2. Political affairs | 60 989 500 | (2 053 100) | 58 936 400 |
| 3. Peacekeeping operations and special missions | 102 868 200 | 32 637 100 | 135 505 300 |
| 4. Outer space affairs | 4 705 500 | (529 100) | 4 176 400 |
| Total, part II | 168 563 200 | 30 054 900 | 198 618 100 |
| PART III. INTERNATIONAL JUSTICE AND LAW | | | |
| 5. International Court of Justice | 21 339 600 | (1 353 700) | 19 985 900 |
| 6. Legal activities | 31 605 400 | (1 350 900) | 30 254 500 |
| Total, part III | 52 945 000 | (2 704 600) | 50 240 400 |
| PART IV. INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION FOR DEVELOPMENT | | | |
| 7A. Department for Policy Coordination and Sustainable Development | 44 318 700 | (2 380 400) | 41 938 300 |
| 7B. Africa: critical economic situation, recovery and development | 4 305 100 | 60 700 | 4 365 800 |
| 8. Department for Economic and Social Information and Policy Analysis | 48 612 100 | (1 335 900) | 47 276 200 |
| 9. Department for Development Support and Management Services | 26 556 000 | 255 400 | 26 811 400 |
| 10A. United Nations Conference on Trade and Development | 121 925 300 | (11 699 000) | 110 226 300 |
| 10B. International Trade Centre UNCTAD/GATT | 21 642 000 | 684 600 | 22 326 600 |
| 11. United Nations Environment Programme | 9 512 200 | (1 281 100) | 8 231 100 |
| 12. United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat) | 13 059 600 | (1 327 900) | 11 731 700 |
| 13. Crime control | 5 254 600 | (59 700) | 5 194 900 |
| 14. International drug control | 17 344 100 | (1 149 100) | 16 195 000 |
| Total, part IV | 312 529 700 | (18 232 400) | 294 297 300 |

| Expenditure sections | Amount approved by the General Assembly in its resolution 50/215 A | Increase/ (decrease) | Revised appropriation |
|---|---|---|---|
| | (United States dollars) | | |
| PART V. REGIONAL COOPERATION FOR DEVELOPMENT | | | |
| 15. Economic Commission for Africa | 87 845 600 | (5 484 700) | 82 360 900 |
| 16. Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific | 66 379 300 | 1 108 000 | 67 487 300 |
| 17. Economic Commission for Europe | 52 883 100 | (4 931 400) | 47 951 700 |
| 18. Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean | 88 327 200 | (5 811 800) | 82 515 400 |
| 19. Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia | 37 791 200 | (3 647 900) | 34 143 300 |
| 20. Regular programme of technical cooperation | 44 814 700 | (7 438 800) | 37 375 900 |
| Total, part V | 378 041 100 | (26 206 600) | 351 834 500 |
| PART VI. HUMAN RIGHTS AND HUMANITARIAN AFFAIRS | | | |
| 21. Human rights | 52 987 600 | (4 987 000) | 48 000 600 |
| 22. Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees | 54 318 500 | (4 179 400) | 50 139 100 |
| 23. United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East | 22 643 000 | (5 338 100) | 17 304 900 |
| 24. Department of Humanitarian Affairs | 21 039 300 | (2 083 800) | 18 955 500 |
| Total, part VI | 150 988 400 | (16 588 300) | 134 400 100 |
| PART VII. PUBLIC INFORMATION | | | |
| 25. Public information | 137 658 000 | (5 267 200) | 132 390 800 |
| Total, part VII | 137 658 000 | (5 267 200) | 132 390 800 |
| PART VIII. COMMON SUPPORT SERVICES | | | |
| 26. Administration and management | 960 885 100 | (44 803 600) | 916 081 500 |
| Total, part VIII | 960 885 100 | (44 803 600) | 916 081 500 |
| PART IX. JOINTLY FINANCED ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES AND SPECIAL EXPENSES | | | |
| 27. Jointly financed administrative activities | 28 915 000 | (1 431 200) | 27 483 800 |
| 28. Special expenses | 41 701 700 | (351 300) | 41 350 400 |
| Total, part IX | 70 616 700 | (1 782 500) | 68 834 200 |

| Expenditure sections | Amount approved by the General Assembly in its resolution 50/215 A | Increase/ (decrease) | Revised appropriation |
|---|---|---|---|
| | (United States dollars) | | |
| PART X. OFFICE OF INTERNAL OVERSIGHT SERVICES | | | |
| 29. Office of Internal Oversight Services | 15 716 500 | (705 000) | 15 011 500 |
| Total, part X | 15 716 500 | (705 000) | 15 011 500 |
| PART XI. CAPITAL EXPENDITURES | | | |
| 30. Technological innovations | 21 999 600 | (699 400) | 21 300 200 |
| 31. Construction, alteration, improvement and major maintenance | 31 585 400 | (2 936 600) | 28 648 800 |
| Total, part XI | 53 585 000 | (3 636 000) | 49 949 000 |
| PART XII. STAFF ASSESSMENT | | | |
| 32. Staff assessment | 369 080 100 | (20 799 500) | 348 280 600 |
| Total, part XII | 369 080 100 | (20 799 500) | 348 280 600 |
| PART XIII. INTERNATIONAL SEABED AUTHORITY | | | |
| 33. International Seabed Authority | 1 308 200 | 2 685 500 | 3 993 700 |
| Total, part XIII | 1 308 200 | 2 685 500 | 3 993 700 |
| Total, expenditure sections | 2 712 265 200 | (108 984 300) | 2 603 280 900 |
| Less: anticipated reductions to be confirmed by the General Assembly | (103 991 200) | 103 991 200 | |
| Grand total | 2 608 274 000 | (4 993 100) | 2 603 280 900 |

B

## Revised income estimates for the biennium 1996-1997

The General Assembly

Resolves that, for the biennium 1996-1997, the estimates of income of 471,401,700 United States dollars approved by it in its resolution 50/215 B of 23 December 1995 shall be decreased by 23,664,100 dollars, as follows:

| Income sections | Amount approved by the General Assembly in its resolution 50/215 B | Increase/ (decrease) | Revised appropriation |
|---|---|---|---|
| | (United States dollars) | | |
| 1. Income from staff assessment | 384 306 000 | (20 809 400) | 363 496 600 |
| Total, section 1 | 384 306 000 | (20 809 400) | 363 496 600 |
| 2. General income | 86 209 200 | (4 189 600) | 82 019 600 |
| 3. Services to the public | 886 500 | 1 334 900 | 2 221 400 |
| Total, sections 2 and 3 | 87 095 700 | (2 854 700) | 84 241 000 |
| Grand total | 471 401 700 | (23 664 100) | 447 737 600 |

C

## Financing of appropriations for the year 1997

The General Assembly

Resolves that for the year 1997:

1. Budget appropriations totalling 1,299,143,900 United States dollars and consisting of 1,304,137,000 dollars, being half of the appropriations initially approved for the biennium 1996-1997 in its resolution 50/215 A of 23 December 1995, less 4,993,100 dollars, being the reduction approved by the Assembly in resolution A above, shall be financed in accordance with regulations 5.1 and 5.2 of the Financial Regulations as follows:

(a) 50,817,943 dollars, consisting of:

(i) 43,547,850 dollars, being half of the estimated income other than income from staff assessment approved for the biennium 1996-1997 by the Assembly in its resolution 50/215 B of 23 December 1995;

(ii) Less 2,854,700 dollars, being the reduction approved by the Assembly in resolution B above;

(iii) 10,124,793 dollars, being the balance in the surplus account as at 31 December 1995;

(b) 1,248,325,957 dollars, being the assessment on Member States in ccordance with its resolution 49/19 B of 23 December 1994, on the scale of ssessments for the years 1996 and 1997;

2. There shall be set off against the assessment on Member States, in ccordance with the provisions of General Assembly resolution 973 (X) A of 5 December 1955, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund in the otal amount of 183,140,613 dollars, consisting of:

(a) 192,153,000 dollars, being half of the estimated staff assessment ncome approved by the Assembly in its resolution 50/215 B;

(b) Less 20,809,400 dollars, being the estimated decrease in income from taff assessment approved by the Assembly in resolution B above;

(c) Plus 11,797,013 dollars, being the increase in income from staff ssessment for the biennium 1994-1995 compared with the revised estimates pproved by the Assembly in its resolution 50/205 B of 23 December 1995.

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